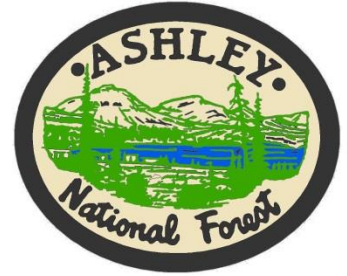


OUTREACH NOTICE



USDA FOREST SERVICE
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Manti-La Sal and Ashley National Forests
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Public Collaboration

GS-0301-11/12

Response requested by November 16, 2015

Position Description

The purpose of this outreach notice is to **(1) gauge interest in the positions, (2) to alert interested individuals of this upcoming employment opportunity.** Two positions are expected to be advertised on usajobs.gov in the fall of 2015. (Interested persons should respond using the Outreach Response on page 11.)

The Supervisor's Offices of the Manti-La Sal and Ashley National Forests will each be seeking to fill a **GS-0301-11/12** position which will serve as the Public Collaboration Specialist for Forest Plan Revision. The duty station for the Manti-La Sal position will be **Price, Utah**. The duty station for the Ashley position will be **Vernal, Utah**.

Duties include but are not limited to the following:

These positions are located on the Manti – La Sal and Ashley National Forests within the Intermountain Region. The incumbent is responsible for guiding land use planning and environmental analysis processes and collaboration with inter-disciplinary teams in the preparation of complex planning and environmental documents including Forest Planning, land use plan amendments, Environmental Impact Statements (EISs), and major Environmental Assessments (EAs).

MAJOR DUTIES

Incumbent has overall responsibility for environmental land use planning and compliance programs, including overseeing the adequacy and timeliness of documentation and activities related to those programs and plans. Routinely reviews, interprets and develops guidance for evolving processes. Guidance is in the form of input at meetings, informational memos/briefing documents or training literature on land use plan amendments, decision writing, plan monitoring, and plan collaboration components. May provide support in the preparation of related documents which are particularly over-arching or complex. Formulates and maintains land use planning components of Forest or Regional annual work plans.

Represents the Forest Service with citizen groups, various government agencies, and non-

Forest Service professionals on land use planning and NEPA issues in order to foster cooperation, participation and increased awareness. The incumbent also works with Regional personnel on developing new policy guidelines and teaching aids. Participates in and/or assumes project lead for Region and/or state-wide special projects or studies needed to properly manage planning and environmental programs. The incumbent periodically monitors progress and reports out on Forest land use plan implementation based on an established tracking system.

Serves as the team leader for collaboration and public involvement efforts to complete individual Forest Plan amendments, EIS's, and EA's. IDT's are comprised primarily of 5-15 specialists from the Supervisor's Office and Regional Office staffs. IDT members may also include specialists from the Regional Office and other forests.

Routinely represents the Forest Service with citizen groups, government agencies and Native American tribes, state and local governments, various public land user and special interest groups, and other publics, on planning and environmental issues to foster cooperation and participation. Utilizes Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) techniques (i.e. mediation, facilitation, consensus building) to resolve conflicts concerning use and/or management of public lands.

Coordinates the public participation portion and collaboration of planning and environmental analysis issues, including notification of "affected interests" and "interested publics", public meetings, mailings, federal register notices, and coordination meetings with counties, state, and other agency representatives.

Performs other duties as assigned.

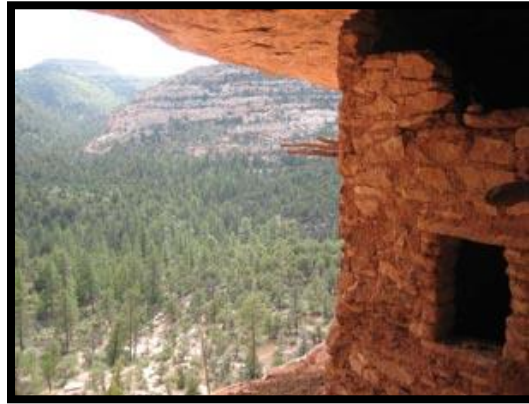
About the Manti-La Sal National Forest and South Eastern Utah



Whatever your location on the [Manti-La Sal National Forest](#), you are at a starting point for adventure. Within a few minutes' drive you can be in the forest or traveling picturesque sandstone deserts.



Lake on the Manti La Sal NF



Dark Canyon Wilderness

The Manti-La Sal National Forest's 1.4 million acres are scattered through some of the most wide-open spaces in Utah and parts of Colorado (about 17,000 square miles). It features high forested areas, with glacial bowls and alpine peaks, and lower desert elevations strewn with remnants of ancient cultures. The Forest includes the [Dark Canyon Wilderness Area](#) and is bordered by [Arches National Park](#), [Canyonlands National Park](#), and the [San Rafael Swell](#). It is not far from the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and [Lake Powell](#).

Rock climbers come from throughout the world to test their skills on the conglomerate rock walls of [Maple Canyon](#) in the Sanpitch Mountains of central Utah. [Snowkiters](#) have discovered the unique pairing of wind currents and large snowbowls on the Wasatch Plateau. Not far away, [Joes Valley](#) is loved by bouldering enthusiasts and kayakers. To the southeast, cyclists take to the trails of the beautiful [La Sal Mountains](#), which provide an island of cool green towering above the red rock deserts of Moab. American Indians revere many sacred sites in the [Abajo Mountains](#) found in the far reaches of southeastern Utah.



Rock Climbing in Maple Canyon



Skyline Snowkiting

This area of Utah is rich in ancient artifacts. The area is littered with pieces of pottery, stone, fiber and bone that tell the story of people who lived a thousand years ago. Rock cliffs hide granaries and ancient dwellings. Rock faces are often galleries for pictographs and petroglyphs. Archeological surveys indicate there are more prehistoric artifacts on the Manti-La Sal National Forest than any other national forest.



Granary near Blanding, Utah



Puebloan Pots

The Forest is also renowned for coal production. Most of the coal mined in Utah comes from the Wasatch Plateau coal field, where the Forest is located. This amounted to 14,241,000 tons in 2007. The coal is primarily used to produce electricity in three local power plants which generate 2,621 megawatts of power.

Traditionally the Forest has provided forage for cattle and sheep grazing. Utah ranks seventh in the nation for sheep production and the Forest contributes significantly to the necessary forage. In addition, about 20,000 cattle graze on Forest lands.

The Manti-La Sal is the principal water source for surrounding communities. Because of the desert climate, the Forest watershed is vital to life and livelihoods in central and southeastern Utah. Riparian areas and wetlands are precious ecosystems in an otherwise arid landscape.

Diverse wildlife is found on the Forest. Rocky Mountain elk and mule deer range on all districts, offering quality big game hunting opportunities. The high peaks of the Abajos, La Sals and Wasatch Plateau provide habitat for the American pika. The Forest includes important habitat for the greater sage grouse, northern goshawk, flammulated owl, golden eagle, Abert's squirrel and black bear. The Mexican spotted owl, a federally listed species, can be found in several of the narrow canyons on the Monticello Ranger District.

Several streams, lakes and reservoirs located on the Manti-La Sal contain a variety of trout species including Colorado River cutthroat, Bonneville cutthroat trout, rainbow, brook, and brown trout.

The Manti-La Sal National Forest has offices in the following communities:

[Ephraim, Utah](#)

The Sanpete District Office is in Ephraim, Utah, a beautiful pastoral community located in central Utah, at the foot of the Wasatch Plateau. Historic stone homes and buildings give it a rich sense of pioneer heritage with a strong Scandinavian influence. Agriculture is the basis of the economy and families are the basis of the culture. Ephraim has a population of 4,962. There is an elementary, middle school, and the high school is 12 miles south in Manti. Snow College is a focal point for the city. The average housing price is \$120,000. A variety of medical services are available. To learn more, see www.sanpetecounty.org, <http://www.ssanpete.k12.ut.us/>, <http://www.ephraimcity.org/>, www.snow.edu

[Price, Utah](#)

The Supervisor's Office is located in Price Utah, at the foot of the Book Cliffs and southeast of Salt Lake City. Although founded by Mormon pioneers, the railroad and coal mining boom in the late 1800s brought an influx of immigrants, which gives Price a unique flavor among Utah towns. Their descendants create a vibrant community and diverse culture. Historically, coal was king in Price. Now, Price has become a destination community, providing government services, a regional hospital, health services, and shopping opportunities. Price has a population of about 8,500, two elementary schools, a junior high, high school, and community college. The average home sales price is \$143,825. For more information see: <http://www.priceutah.net/>, www.carbon.k12.ut.us, <http://www.carbon.utah.gov>, <http://www.ceu.edu/>

[Ferron, Utah](#)

Ferron is a quiet town set amid the foothills of the Wasatch Plateau, at the mouth of Ferron Canyon. One of the most attractive communities in the area, Ferron is surrounded by alfalfa fields and farms. It was settled by Mormon pioneers in the mid-1800s and the influence is felt in the community. Historically, fruit orchards and dairies were vital to its economy. Now most residents are employed in coal mining, trucking or energy production. Ferron has a population of 1,576. There is an elementary school, a regional junior high school, and students are bused 15 minutes away to Emery High in Castle Dale, Utah. The average home sales price is \$100,000. The city is located in Emery County, where many services are shared or consolidated among communities. Learn more at <http://www.ferroncity.org>, www.emerycounty.com, or www.emery.k12.ut.us.

[Moab, Utah](#)

If you're an outdoor adventurer, you know Moab, Utah. Whether you mountain bike, hike, raft, or photograph spectacular scenery, you'll love this town. Set in a stunning red rock valley at the foot of the towering La Sal Mountains, there are few places so scenic in the West. Moab is the gateway to Arches National Park and only minutes from Canyonlands National Park and Dead Horse Point State Park. Uranium mining was the primary driver of the economy during the 1950s, but tourist dollars fuel the economy today. The population of Moab is 4,845. There are three schools: Grand High School, Grand Middle School and Red Rock Elementary. Also, Utah State University has an Extension campus in Moab. The average home sales price is \$251,000. Allen Memorial Hospital and various health care providers are available locally. To learn more see <http://www.grandschools.org/>, <http://www.grandcountyutah.net/>, <http://www.moab-utah.com/>, <http://distance.usu.edu/?campuses>

[Monticello, Utah](#)

Cowboys and Indians were the real thing in Monticello. Its early history is colored with conflict between cowboys, settlers and American Indians. Now it's a peaceful little community at the foot of the Abajo Mountains and at the crossroads of southeastern Utah. It is the southern gateway to Canyonlands National Park and is 60 minutes south of Arches National Park. Lake Powell is to the south. It is the highest of the communities where the Manti-La Sal has offices, with an elevation of 7,069 feet. Agriculture is important to the economy and culture, but most jobs are found in government, followed by the tourism industry. Monticello has a population of 1,958. Home sales prices range between \$87,000 and \$275,000. There is an elementary school and a high school, (grades 7-12). Medical services are provided by San Juan Hospital, a pharmacy and health professionals. For more information see: <http://www.monticelloutah.org/services.html>, <http://www.sanjuanschools.org/default.aspx> <http://www.southeastutah.org/> <http://www.cityofcortez.com>

About the Ashley National Forest



<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/>

The Ashley National Forest encompasses about 1.4 million acres in northeastern Utah and southwestern Wyoming. The Forest lies in three geographical areas: the east-west range of the Uinta Mountains, the Green River Basin, and the Tavaputs Plateau. Elevations range from 6,000 feet to 13,528 feet.

Steep canyons, high mountain peaks, glaciated basins, large open meadows, and desert badlands produce a rich diversity of vegetation and wildlife. The grasses and shrubs of the high mountain desert are replaced by pinyon and juniper as the elevation rises. In mid-elevation areas, aspen dominates and becomes mixed with conifer. Higher up, the vegetation changes to conifer forest composed of ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, fir, and spruce. Wildlife is abundant. Larger species include black bear, mountain lion, moose, elk, mule deer, pronghorn, mountain goats, and bighorn sheep.

Neighboring lands include the Uinta and Ouray Indian Reservation to the south, the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest to the west and north, and a mixture of Bureau of Land Management, State of Utah, and private lands to the east and southeast. Compared with other National Forests, relatively few small tracts of private land lie within the Ashley's boundary.

The High Uintas Wilderness, established by Congress in 1984, comprises nearly one-half million acres in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache and Ashley National Forests. Within the wilderness, elevations range from 8,000 feet to 13,582 feet at the top of Kings Peak, the highest mountain in Utah. The Uinta Mountain range runs east to west, from the Wasatch Mountains into Colorado. Pre-Cambrian rock formed from sediments laid down 600 million years ago makes up the core of the range. Glacial activity carved deep canyons and left a spectacular landscape of rolling, treeless peaks and stratified ridges interspersed with broad meadows and numerous lakes.

The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area lies in the northeast part of the Forest. Flaming Gorge Reservoir extends almost 90 miles into Wyoming, and offers outstanding fishing and boating opportunities. Record-breaking German brown trout and large lake and rainbow trout have been taken from its waters. The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area has three marinas and many campgrounds, some of which are open year-round.

The Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam is a world-famous blue-ribbon trout stream. The Little Hole National Recreation Trail parallels the river 7.3 miles from the Dam to the Little Hole Recreation Complex.

About Vernal, Utah

<http://www.vernalchamber.com/>

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Vernal-Utah.html>

Vernal is situated in northeast Utah south of Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area and west of Dinosaur National Monument, and is the county seat of Uintah County. Vernal has a population of approximately 10,000 people. When combined with the residents of surrounding communities, the population of the Ashley Valley is approximately 15,000. Vernal is 180 miles east of Salt Lake City and 300 miles west of Denver.

Climate

Vernal sits at approximately 5,000 feet above sea level. Vernal enjoys four beautiful temperate seasons; the climate is semi-arid with low humidity. Annual precipitation averages 15-20", mostly in the form of winter snow and spring/fall rain. Winter temperatures usually hover in the 20s-30s during the day, but will occasionally drop to sub-zero. Mid-summer temperatures can reach 100 degrees, but generally average in the low-mid 90s, dipping into the 50s at night.

Schools

Vernal has six elementary schools, one middle school, one junior high, one high school, and a private Christian school. The Uintah District Learning Center provides education opportunities for children with special needs. Child day-care centers and preschools are also available.

Utah State University-Uintah Basin (with branch campuses in Vernal and Roosevelt) employs about 25 resident faculty and offers 2 Associates Degrees, 23 Bachelor's Degrees, 12 Masters Degrees, and 1 doctorate degree. Uintah Basin Applied Technology College offers Certificates of Competency for technical entry-level work.

Health Care

The Ashley Valley Regional Medical Center is a 39-bed acute care facility with an emergency room and trauma care facility with 34 affiliated physicians. Specialties include family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, radiology, pathology, orthopedics, ENT, general surgery, urology, OB/GYN, podiatry, ophthalmology and physiatry. Physicians from Salt Lake City also provide specialized, part-time services in the area. Major hospitals are located in Salt Lake City and Provo. The community also has several dentists, two optometrists, and five chiropractors. A variety of mental health professionals have practices in the community.

For extended medical care, Uintah Care Center is a 50-bed nursing home, with additional facilities to provide outpatient care on a daily basis.

Three veterinary clinics provide care for both large and small animals.

Housing

The average apartment rental is around \$750.00 to \$900.00 a month. Rental homes are not readily available. Average purchase price for a basic three-bedroom home ranges from \$185,000 to \$290,000.

Government housing is not available.

Economic Base

Oil and gas exploration and production, along with oil shale, tar sands, gilsonite, and phosphate, are the major components of the local economy. Tourism is also a growing industry. Several government offices are located in or near Vernal and include the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Farmers Home Administration, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and city, county, and state offices.

Recreation Opportunities

Vernal has parks, movie theaters, a water slide, and an 18-hole golf course. Tennis courts, baseball and softball fields are also available. In addition, the Uintah Community Center offers an array of recreational opportunities for all ages including indoor lap pool, indoor leisure pool with slides and water toys, a climbing wall, two full-size gyms, indoor running track, cardio balcony, an aerobic dance area, a strength area, on-site child care, three party rooms, classrooms, a public meeting area, and conference rooms. A variety of commercial fitness facilities are also available in town.

Basketball, volleyball, and baseball leagues are available for adults. Locally sponsored children's activities include Little League football, baseball, basketball, soccer, wrestling and a swim team. Several dance schools instructing ballet, jazz, clogging, and tap as well as gymnastic classes for children are also available. The Uintah Recreation District also sponsors several "fun runs" and a triathlon (the Dino-Tri) each year.

Several nearby rivers and lakes offer excellent fishing and boating opportunities, and white-water raft trips are available through local guides. Mountain biking is a popular activity and there is a growing network of biking trails on public lands. Cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and ice fishing are popular winter sports.

Civic and Service Organizations

Active community and service clubs in Vernal include the Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce, Lions, Elks, Toastmasters, Rotary, Boy Scouts, 4-H, Masonic Lodge, Search and Rescue, Cultural Arts, and American Legion, to name a few. The Utah Field House of Natural History is a state park facility located in downtown Vernal, and is a popular destination for tourists and area residents alike. The Golden Age Senior Center provides activities, luncheons, transportation, and dances for area senior citizens. A new, 30,000 square foot county library was recently completed and features a children's library, teen library, community room, public use computers, two small group study rooms, library classroom, and a reading area with a fireplace, study tables, and comfortable chairs.

Churches

A wide range of religious services are available in the area.

Cultural Events

Several cultural events occur throughout the year, including the annual Outlaw Trail Festival, Festival of the Arts, Uintah County Fair, Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo, Dinosaur Days, Dino-Soar Hot Air Balloon Festival, a story-telling festival, and the annual Christmas Fair. The Uintah Arts Council sponsors several musical and other cultural events. Vernal also hosts a small Farmer's Market every Saturday from July through September. In addition to fresh fruit and other produce, a variety of crafts, locally produced meats, and artwork is offered for sale.

Contact Information

For additional information or to express interest in the Manti-La Sal position, contact Acting Public Services Staff Officer, Duane Resare at 435-636-3535 or dresare@fs.fed.us.

For additional information or to express interest in the Ashley position, contact Revision Team Leader Kathy Paulin at 435-781-5160 or kpaulin@fs.fed.us.

An outreach response form is included on the following page.

Thanks for your interest!

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For more information about the position, please contact Duane Resare, Manti-La Sal Public Services Staff Officer at 435-636-3535 or Kathy Paulin, Ashley Revision Team Leader at 435-781-5160.

Please send all outreach response forms to dresare@fs.fed.us by November 16, 2015.

Outreach Response Form

Responding Employee:

Name: _____

Current Agency/Region/Forest/District: _____

Current Position Title: _____

Current Series and Grade: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Brief statement of how you think your experience/education meets the duties and basic qualifications of the outreach position.
